

# VA Connecticut Residency Programs

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### 1. What do you hope all residents get out of your program?

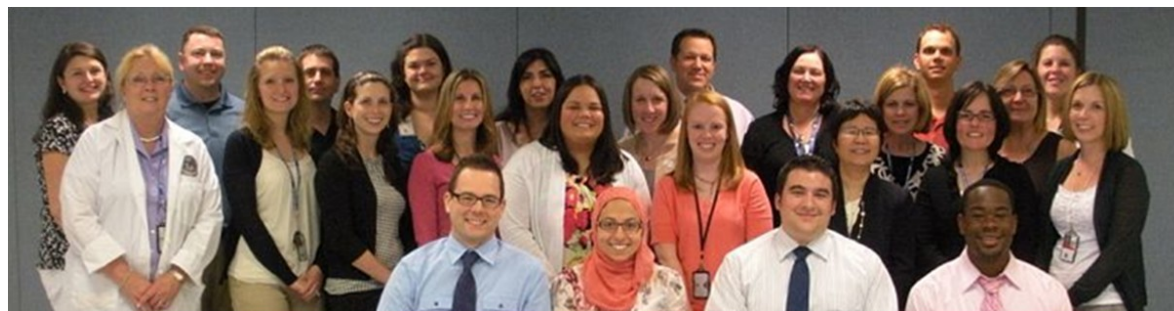
The primary focus of the residency program is to develop competency in the areas of acute patient care, ambulatory patient care, drug information, drug policy development and pharmacy management.

### 2. Upon completion of your residency, where have residents typically gone?

Residents have gone into a number of venues, some including: academia, hospital practice, and clinical pharmacy positions. Others have gone on to complete specialized residencies and fellowship programs.

### 3. How many residents do you have?

Four total, three general pharmacy practice residents (PGY1) and 1 geriatrics specialty resident (PGY2).



### 4. How are the rotations scheduled for the PGY1 residents?

Required rotations include:

- Inpatient medicine (2 months)
- Ambulatory care (1 month/longitudinal)
- Anticoagulation (3 weeks)
- Management (1 month)
- Inpatient Staffing (Longitudinal)
- Drug Information (Longitudinal)

Electives include geriatrics, home-based primary care, sub-acute rehabilitation, hospice/palliative care, surgery, infectious disease, oncology, women's health, psychiatry, neurology, emergency room, operating room, and critical care. There is flexibility within the schedule based on an individual resident's needs and goals.

### 5. What are your staffing requirements?

Currently, residents staff every 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in the inpatient pharmacy and also 1 day a week from September to December. This is always subject to change from year to year.

### 6. What teaching opportunities are available for the residents?

VA Connecticut is affiliated with the University of Connecticut and St. Joseph College Schools of Pharmacy. The residents have ample opportunity to precept PharmD students on rotations as well as provide lectures at the universities.

### 7. What types of projects are required for the resident?

The resident is responsible for completing a major research project that is presented at both the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Eastern States Residency Conference. The resident is also responsible for providing a continuing education lecture presentation. Other projects include patient and provider newsletters, a medication use evaluation, journal clubs and patient case presentations which are done monthly. Rotation specific projects may also be required, as well as monographs for the Medication Management Committee.

# How to Apply: VA Connecticut Residency Programs

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 7, 2012**

If you have questions regarding our application process or about our program in general, please feel free to contact our Residency Program Director at [Rebecca.Curtin@va.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Curtin@va.gov). You may also refer to our website ([www.vactresidency.shutterfly.com](http://www.vactresidency.shutterfly.com)) for additional information about our program.

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Please note: Electronic submission of application materials is preferred.

- ☐ Please electronically submit the following application materials to [vactpharmacyresidency1@gmail.com](mailto:vactpharmacyresidency1@gmail.com):

- **LETTER OF INTENT**
- **CURRICULUM VITAE**

- ☐ The following VA application is available on our website at [www.vactresidency.shutterfly.com](http://www.vactresidency.shutterfly.com):

- **VHA 10-2850c FORM**

Please download, electronically complete the form, and email with the other materials list above to [vactpharmacyresidency1@gmail.com](mailto:vactpharmacyresidency1@gmail.com).

Any section of the forms that require a signature can be completed in person if you are invited for an onsite interview. It is not necessary to submit paper forms at this time.

- ☐ **THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** are also required. Please provide your writers the following statement to request their electronic submission:

*The VA Connecticut Pharmacy Residency Program has requested that letters of recommendation be submitted electronically. Please submit any letters of recommendation to [vactpharmacyresidency1@gmail.com](mailto:vactpharmacyresidency1@gmail.com).*

*We will respond with a confirmation email when it is received. If you would also like to follow-up with a signed, paper copy of the letter, you may do so by sending it to our residency program director:*

Becky Curtin, PharmD, BCPS  
VACT Healthcare System  
Pharmacy Service (119)  
950 Campbell Avenue  
West Haven, CT 06516

*If you have any additional questions, please feel free to email Becky at [Rebecca.Curtin@va.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Curtin@va.gov).*

- ☐ Please request an **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** from your school to be mailed to:

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We will send you a confirmation email upon receipt of your application in its entirety. Likewise, we will let you know if anything is missing from your application as the deadline approaches. Once the applications have been reviewed, we will contact anyone who has been selected for an onsite interview.

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR INTERVIEWS:

- Friday, February 3rd
- Monday, February 6th
- Friday, February 10th
- Monday, February 13th